



ADNOC Distribution Board of Directors Approves AED 1.194 Billion Interim Dividend Payment for first six months of 2019 (9.55 Fils per share)

- **Full-year 2019 dividend expected to be AED 2.39 billion (19.10 Fils per share), a 62% increase over previous year**
- **The last day for purchasing shares and fulfilling the dividends eligibility criteria is 7 October 2019**

Abu Dhabi, UAE – 30 September 2019: The Board of Directors of ADNOC Distribution (ISIN: **AEA006101017**) (Symbol: **ADNOCDIST**), the UAE's largest fuel and convenience retailer, yesterday approved payment of an interim dividend for the first six months of 2019 of AED 1.194 billion (9.55 Fils per share), equivalent to USD 325 million, to its shareholders. This is the first payment in what is expected to be a full-year 2019 dividend payment of AED 2.39 billion (AED 19.10 Fils per share), reflecting a 62% increase compared to last year's dividend of AED 1.47 billion (11.76 Fils per share). As per approved dividend policy, the second and final dividend for 2019 is expected to be paid in April 2020, subject to the Board of Directors' recommendation.

Today's announcement marks the first dividend payment under ADNOC Distributions new dividend policy unveiled last April. The decision to significantly increase the Company's dividend policy was rooted in recognition of the Company's robust financial performance and cash position in 2018, as well as confidence in the Company's strong growth prospects and cash flow generation ability going forward.

Under the policy, the Company intends to increase its annual dividend payment, starting this year, as follows:

- An annual dividend for 2019 of AED 2.39 billion (USD 650 million), equivalent to AED 19.10 Fils per share and a 62% increase compared to 2018
- An annual dividend for 2020 of AED 2.57 billion (USD 700 million), equivalent to AED 20.57 Fils per share, a 75% increase compared to 2018
- A minimum payout of 75% of distributable profits from 2021 onwards

ADNOC Distribution expects to continue to pay half of the annual dividend in October of the relevant year and half in April of the following year.

Backed by a long-term sustainable growth plan, a solid balance sheet and strong cash flow generation ability, the new dividend policy reflects the shareholders' trust in the Company, following its positive financial performance in 2018. This trend continued in the first half of 2019, when the Company reported a healthy AED 1.17 billion in net profit, an increase of 4.3% from the same period last year.

Saeed Mubarak Al Rashdi, Acting Chief Executive Officer of ADNOC Distribution, said: "Our progressive dividend policy demonstrates our commitment to our shareholders as we advance our strategic priorities of steady and sustainable growth, enhanced customer experience and



attractive capital returns for our shareholders. With our ability to generate cash flow, we are confident in our ability to pay a generous dividend to our shareholders while also maintaining significant capacity to deploy capital through a disciplined investment strategy aimed at continuing our efforts to expand our fuel station network, with a focus on the underserved Dubai market, as well as investing in our non-fuel business.”

Key Dates:

Shareholders of ADNOC Distribution registered on 9 October 2019 (record date) will be entitled to receive the interim cash dividend, meaning the last day for purchasing shares and fulfilling the eligibility criteria is 7 October 2019. The payment itself is scheduled within 30 days from the date of Board of Directors approval.

Board of Directors approval	29 September 2019
Entitlement date (last day to purchase)	7 October 2019
Record date	9 October 2019
Dividend Payment	30 days from Board approval

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About ADNOC Distribution

ADNOC Distribution, listed on the Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange (ADX) under the symbol “ADNOCDIST”, is the leading fuel distributor and convenience store operator in the UAE. ADNOC Distribution operates 381 retail fuel stations, 262 ADNOC Oasis convenience stores which includes 14 Géant Express convenience stores as of 30 June 2019 and is the leading marketer and distributor of fuels to commercial, industrial and government customers throughout the UAE. ADNOC Distribution is the only fuel retailer operating in all seven emirates in the UAE, and in 2018 expanded its operations internationally, opening two service stations in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. To find out more, visit www.adnocdistribution.ae.

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The payment of dividends by the Company is subject to consideration by the Board of Directors of the cash management requirements of the Company for operating expenses, interest expense, and anticipated capital expenditures, and market conditions, the then current operating environment in its markets, and the Board of Directors’ outlook for the business of the Company. In addition, any level or payment of dividends will depend on, among other things, future profits and the business plan of the Company, at the discretion of the Board of Directors.